REMARKS

Claims 1 –35 are pending. In the above-identified Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1 – 5, 12 – 13, 21 and 35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by OuYang ('758). Claims 10 - 11, 14 - 20 and 26 - 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over OuYang ('758) in view of Yamaguchi ('003). Claims 6 - 8, and 22 - 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over OuYang ('758) and in view of Bolle ('656). Claims 9 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over OuYang ('758) and Bolle in view of Yamaguchi ('003).

Submitted herewith is a signed copy of the Affidavit Under Rule 1.131 which establishes a date of invention prior to the effective date of the OuYang reference.

Accordingly, the claims should be allowable. Reconsideration, allowance and passage to issue are therefore respectfully requested.

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